Renovation of heritage sites

1519. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of deterioration or slow disappearance of urban heritage sites in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether any action for renovation have been taken by Government to save our heritage sites; and

(c) if so, the financial allocation for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) The Archaeological Survey of India is responsible for the conservation of monuments protected under the provisions of Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958.

The major causes for the disappearance of the ancient monuments and sites are rapid urbanization, construction of multistoreyed residential and commercial buildings, and implementation of development projects. Details of 35 centrally protected monuments/sites which are not traceable are given in the Statement (*see* below). In 1992, ASI has issued a notification declaring areas upto 100 metres from the protected limits of monuments of national importance as prohibited areas where all construction and mining activities are banned. Another 200 metres beyond this had been declared as regulated area where construction/mining activity is permitted only in accordance with the terms and conditions of a licence issued by the Director General, Archaeological Survey of India.

An amount of Rs. 118.61 crores have been allocated for the conservation, preservation, maintenance by way of structural repairs, chemical treatment and environmental development of centrally protected monuments during the current financial year 2006-07.

Statement

List of centrally protected monuments/sites which are not traceable

Name of Monument/site
Assam
1. Guns of Emperor Sher Shah at Na-sadia, Distt. Tinsukia.
Arunachal Pradesh
1. Ruins of Copper Temple near Paya, Distt. Lohit.
Delhi (UT)
1. The Moti Gate of Sher Shah's Delhi, Mauza Babarpur Bazidpur, Distt. New Delhi.
2. Pool Chadar, Mauza Chaukri Mubarakabad, Distt. North Delhi.
3. Alipur Cemetery, Alipur encamping ground, Distt. North Delhi.
4. Bara Khamba Cemetery, Imperial city, Distt. Delhi.
5. Tomb of Capt. Mc. Barnett & others who falls in an attack on Kishanganj, Kishanganj, Distt. North Delhi.
6. Tomb with three domes near railway station, Nizamuddin, Distt. South Delhi.
7. Site of Siege Battery bearing the inscription:—"Right Attack, Lieutenant F.R. Mansell, R.E., Directing Engineer, No. 1 Battery-Right, Major James Brind, R.A., Commanding, Armament five 18-pounders: one 18-inch howitzer. To silence Mori Bastion.", East of the hospital in police line, Distt. North Delhi.
8. Site of Siege Battery with following inscription:—"No. II Battery-Right, Major Edward Kaye, R.A., Commanding Armament two 18-pounders; seven 8-inch howitzers, To breach Kashmir bastion.", Compound of Curzon House, Distt. North Delhi.
9. Inchla Wali Gumti, village Mubarak pur Kotla, Distt. South Delhi.
10. Mound known as Joga Bai comprised in part of Survey plot no. 167 as Jamia Nagar, Distt. South Delhi.

Name of Monuments/site

11. Shamsi Tallab together with both the platform entrance gates, Mehrauli, Distt. Delhi.
12. Nicholson Statue, its platform, its surrounding gardens, paths and enclosure wall, Out side of Kashmiri Gate, Distt. North Delhi.

Gujarat

1. Ancient Site, Sejakpur, Distt. Surendranagar.
2. Historic Site No. 431 to 435, Vadodara, Distt. Vadodara.

Haryana

1. Mughal Kos Minar, Mujjesar, Distt. Faridabad, Haryana.
2. Mughal Kos Minar, Shahbad, Distt. Kurukshetra, Haryana.

Jammu & Kashmir

1. Rock carving of Sitala, Narada, Brahma and Radha Krishna, Basohli, Distt. Kathura.
2. Rock Carving of Devi riding a lion, Basohli, Distt. Kathura.
3. Visveswara and other cave temple, Basohli, Distt. Kathura.

Karnataka

1. Pre-historic Site, Kittur, Distt. Mysore.

Rajasthan

1. Inscription in Fort, Nagar, Distt. Tonk.
2. 12th Cent. Temple, Baran, Distt. Baran.

Uttaranchal

1. Kutumbari Temple, Dwarahat, Tehsil Ranikhet, Distt. Almora.
2. Khera Ki Bandi, Old Cemetery, Tehsil Roorkee, Distt. Haridwar.
3. Remains of ancient buildings locally identified with Vairatapattana, Dhikuli, Tehsil Ramnagar, Distt. Nainital.

Name of Monuments/site
Uttar Pradesh
1. Closed Cemetery, Katra Naka, Tehsil Banda, Distt. Banda.
2. Large ruined site called Sandi Khera, Pali, Tehsil Shahabad, Distt. Hardoi.
3. Cemetery, Jalaun (Bus Stand), Tehsil Jalaun, Distt. Jalaun.
4. Gunner Burkill's Tomb, Rangaon, Tehsil Mehroni, Distt. Lalitpur.
5. Imambara Amin-ud Daula, Lucknow, Tehsil Lucknow, Distt. Lucknow.
6. Three Tombs, Lucknow Faizabad Road at miles 3, 4 & 5, Tehsil Lucknow, Distt. Lucknow.
7. Cemeteries at miles 6 & 7, Jahraila Road, Tehsil Lucknow, Distt. Lucknow.
8. Cemetery at Gaughat, Lucknow, Tehsil Lucknow, Distt. Lucknow.

Re-construction of temple complex in Pakistan by ASI

1520. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Pakistan has agreed to entrust the work for the re-construction of temple complex at Katas Raj in that country to Archaeological Survey of India; and

(b) the financial assistance proposed to be given by the Governments of Pakistan and India and international agencies, if any, for the reconstruction of the complex?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) A report prepared by the Archaeological Survey of India on the conservation and restoration of Katas Raj temple was handed over to the Government of Pakistan in January, 2006. Government of Pakistan has not responded to the report till date.

(b) Does not arise.